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Pepsi joint venture witb Duncan

2756. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minisler of IN DUSTRY to pleased to state:

(a) whether *it* i_s a fact that the exports will be three times the imports including Pepsi concentrates packaging materials etc., of Pepsi joint venture with Goenka's of Duncan;

(b) whether thi_s proposal is consistent with the present import policy; and

(c) whether import of soft drink concentrates (like Pepsi) is allowed, if so. in what category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) M/s Agro Products Exports India Private Limited had submitted an application for manufacture and export of Aspetic packaging of 10 per cent Fruit Juice Products and Processed Agro-based Products in collaboration with Pepsico Incorporated of USA. This application was rejected by the Government. In view of this, replies to parts (a) to (c) do not arise.

Pepsico tio-up

2757. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of IN DUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether the attention 6t trie Government has been drawn *to* a news report which appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated the 22nd April, 1985 regardme Pepsico tie-up;

(b) whether the import licensing policy be changed for exports by Pepsi o_r they would be governed by what is specified in the present import policy; and

(c) whether the use of foreign trade mark Pepsi Cola h_{as} been permitted for internal sales?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There was an application by M/s. Agro Products Exports India Private Limited for manufacture and export of Aspetic packaging of 10 per cent' fruit juice products and Processed Agro-based Products, in Collaboration with Pepsico Incorporated of USA. This application was rejectee by the" Government. In view of this, there is no question of import or export by Pepsi $_0r$ use of foreign trademark 'Pepsi Cola'.

Assistance to bio-gas plants by KVIC

2758. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to-state:

(a) whether it i_s a fact that releases of large subsidies to $_se^{ver}$al bio-gas plants by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) recently were made for the plants which do not exist and that a number of "cases of misutilisation of steel and cement allocated for bio-gas plants 'have recently come to light; and

(b) if" so, what are the details thereof stating the action taken by Government to identify the $person_s$ involved in the rackets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The KVIC decided to carry out a random census of bio-gas plants constructed under it_s $aegi_s$ in Bib Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra i_n 14 selected districts with a view to knowing status of plants constructed and *to* know the extent or non-working plants and the reasons therefor to enable them to provide guidance for corrective $step_s$ to be $take_n$ in further implementation of the programme. Accordingly, 1321? plant-were covered by the Audit Party sent by the Commission for random checking and it found that in Maharashtra out of the total plants of 7299 covered fa the report, 134 were not traceable. In Tamil Nadu out of the total of 1979 bio-gas plants checked, 87 plants were not traceable. In Bihar, 3938 plants were covered by the random checking and 5D5" plariTs were not traceable at the time $_0$f census. "Further investigation in the plants suggest that in some cases the beneficiaries might have

refunded the amount of subsidy b$_r$ might (have left the plants half-way through or might have constructed the plant, at some othe$_r$ places or might have dismantled the plants consequent on family feuds, partition $_0i$ property, selling of cattle, etc.

The Internal Audit Party deputed to look into disbursement made tjy the State Office, Madhya Pradesh for bio-gas programme found that final completion certificates in cases where subsidies have been paid were not available Irf all the cases.

The Commission had been arranging procurement custody a'nd distribution of controlled scarce commodities like cement and $_s$teel required for construction of bio-gas plants since 1978-79 on regular feasts. The total purchases during the" last 5-6 years aggregate to Rs. 7.5 crores anrffhe reported irregularitieV in purchase and supply of scarce commodities is reported to be relatively of a small order.

Necessary departmental action against officials found guilty is Being taken. About baTf a dozen cases of irregularities i$_n$ the distribution of cement and steel to workshops have also cOme to notice. These cases are being looked into and necessary departmental action/legal action and corrective measures have been taken.

Industries i$_a$ Andhra Pradesh

2759. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whethe$_r$ Central Government have received any proposal from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh with regard to the setting up of medium scale industries in the State during th$_e$ Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(K) if $_s$o, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there i$_s$ any proposal under Central Government's consideration to set up few industries in that State which are to be controlled by the Centre; and

(d) if $_s$o. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) An outlay of Rs. 162.10 crores for setting up Large and Medium Scale Industries ha$_s$ been made under the Seventh Five Year Plan for Andhra Pradesh. The State Government has informed that during thlTSeventh Five Year Plan they propose t" establish 607 Large and Medium Scale Industries' in the State with $_a$ total 'investment ot Rs. 4,23,152 lakhs providing employment to 1,83,942 persons. The State Government will provide the basic infrastructure and other attendant facilities and assistance for the development of these industries. However, the capital required for setting up of these industries i$_s$ expected to be brought in mainly by the prospective entrepreneurs and financial institutions. From the State Government side a budgetary allocation of Rs. 5,000 Lakhs hag been planned for the Seventh Five Year Plan for providing necessary facilities and support for the growth of Large and Medium industries.

The number of Letters of Intent, Industrial Licences unde$_r$ the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 195^ and Registrations with Deri) fssuect for setting up industries to Andhra Pradesh, are given below:—

	1983	1984	1985 (upto September)
1. Letters of Intent	79	92	87
2. Industrial Licences	63	45	56
3. Registrations with DGTD	167	186	149